and its effects and protective measures to be undertaken already form part of the training in the Indan Military Academy.

Registration of STEP-BIT, Ranchi

652. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, after adverse RBI inspection Report in September, 1984 on the performance of BIT, SIRTDO, Mesra, Ranchi a society called STEP-BIT, Mesra Ranchi was allowed to be registered under the Chairmanship of the Director, BIT, Mesra, Ranchi and employees of the SIRTDO were transfrred to STEP-BIT;

(b) whether Government have sanctioned a grant of five crores to STEP-BIT, ignoring the fact that about Rs. three crores of Bank Loan extended to the entreprenurs, supervised and monitored by SIRTDO first and then STEP-BIT, turned to be a bad debt;

(c) whether presently about Rs. I lakh per month of the Government grant is spent towards salary payments to employees of STEP-BIT without any output;

(d) whether the above nexus was brought to the notice of the Prime Minister of Science and Technology by the Members of Bihar Legislature and Members of Parliament; and

(e) if so, what steps Government have taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) A Science and Technoolgy Entrepreneurs Parks (STEP) called BIT-STEP, Mesra, Ranchi was registered under the societies Registration Act on 25th March, 1985. RBI had given any adverse report about advances to entrepreneurs sponsored by SIRTDO. The Government is not aware of the transfer of the employees of SIRTDO to STEP-BIT as it is not involved in the recruitment process.

(b) and (c) No Sir, grant of Rs. 5 lakhs per year was given to BIT-STEP for three years (1984-85 to 1986-87), for meeting their recurring expenditure on staff salary, consumable etc.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Some legislators of Bihar had raised this issue through letters. Since no adverse report was received from RBI or any other official source, no action in the matter was called for.

Special allowance for overtime duties

653. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fourth Pay Commission has recommended the stoppage of payment of overtime allowance;

(b) what are the details of the other special allowances that are proposed to be paid to the personal staff in the ministries, who are required to perform overtime duties; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Orders have been issued that in exceptional cases where compensatory off days cannot be given and stay beyond office hours becomes unavoidable, compensation for extra

work will be paid accoridng to existing orders as Extra-work allowance. It will be calcuated on the basis of national pay admissible to the concerned Government employees in the pre-revised scale of pay/pay slab and will be subject to the same terms and conditions as laid down in the existing orders.

Applications received by the Directorate of Drawback

654. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications of exporters received by the Directorate of Drawback in the Ministry of Finance during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87; and

(b) the number of such applications rejected during these years and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) It is presumed that the information sought for is in respect of application for fixation of brand rates made by individual exporters in terms of Customs and Central Excise Duties Drawback Rules 1971. Number of such brand rate applications received by the Drawback Directorate duly checked by the fied staff in Custom Houses/ Central Excise Collectorate were 2622 in 1985-86 and 3427 in 1986-87. The number of applications out of these which were rejected during the said years were 73 and 620 respectively. The rejections have been made where the exporter did not satisfy the conditions laid down in the Customs and Central Excise Duties Drawback Rues, 1971 e.g., those in the matter of minimum duty differential between all-industry rate and the duty actually shown to have been suffered on inputs (as per Rule 7), filing of applications within the time limits laid down (under Rules 6 and 7) etc.

Bank frauds

655. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of frauds in the banks in the country during the last financial year and the amount of money involved in these frauds;

(b) the number of bank empoyees involved in these frauds;

(c) what are the details of action taken against such empoyees; and

(d) what remedial measures are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) the total number of cases of frauds and the amount involved therein during the calender year 1986 as reported by 28 public sector banks to Reserve Bank of India, irrespective of the dates of occurrence, is 1822 and Rs. 44.22 crores respectively.

(b) and (c) According to Reserve Bank of India as per available information mechanisms and to improve manage- against whom action has been taken by public sector banks for their involvement in fraud cases is as indicated below:—

1986 (Frauds)

(1)	No. of employees convicted on Charges of frauds	22
(2)	No. of employees given major/minor penalties	375
(3)	No. of employees out of (2) above who were dismissed/discharged/removed	203
(4)	No. of employees against whom prosecution is pending in Court	275
(5)	No. of employees against whom departmental proceedings are pending.	431